



GEAR UP TN Fast Facts

GEAR UP TN is:

- \$3.5 million federal discretionary grant from the U.S. Department of Education
- **G**aining **E**arly **A**wareness & **R**eadiness for **U**ndergraduate **P**rograms (GEAR UP)
- Awarded in fall 2005, will last 6 years through the 2010-2011 school year
- Provides resources to assist state efforts to increase the number of underserved students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education

GEAR UP TN Partners:

- Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC)
- Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE)
- Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR)
- University of Tennessee System (UT)

GEAR UP TN will serve:

- 47 schools (14 high schools, 33 elementary and middle schools)
- Roughly 13,515 students over 6 years (9,013 high school students, 4,412 7th and 8th graders)
- 9 county school systems and 1 city school system

GEAR UP TN – Counties represented:

- Campbell
- Cocke (including Newport City Schools)
- Grundy
- Hardeman
- Johnson
- Lake
- Meigs
- Union
- Wayne

GEAR UP TN Goals:

1. Increase educational expectations of GEAR UP TN students and their families through an expanded knowledge of postsecondary access and financial aid opportunities.
2. Enhance the academic preparation of GEAR UP TN students to improve high school graduation rates and postsecondary enrollment, retention, and completion.
3. Provide effective professional development for classroom teachers and school staff to ensure increased academic rigor and postsecondary preparation.
4. Encourage family and community involvement through GEAR UP TN to foster an environment that supports life-long learning.